

**Minutes of Regular Meeting
Board of Education
Harbor Springs Public Schools**

May 8, 2023

Middle School Cafeteria
Harbor Springs Middle School
800 State Road
Harbor Springs, MI 49740

Board Members Present: Paul Fairbairn, President
Gary Morse, Vice President
Diane Novak, Secretary
Brad Backus, Trustee
Mike Vandermus, Trustee

Board Members Absent: Tina Honeysette, Treasurer
Margo Damoose, Trustee

Staff Present: Brad Plackemeier, Superintendent
Denise Knight, Administrative Assistant
Rod Fullerton, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Cerrudo, Technology Director
Nathan Fairbanks, Elementary Principal

Regular Meeting

I. Call to Order

President Fairbairn called the regular meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

President Fairbairn asked for a moment of self reflection.

III. Approval of Agenda

Superintendent Plackemeier recommended a couple amendments to the agenda: the addition of approval of the minutes from the executive session-April 10, 2023 under the consent agenda items and moving item XII Information & Proposals after IV Mission Excellence. A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Backus, to approve the agenda as amended. Motion carried unanimously.

IV. Mission Excellence

A. High School Robotics

Superintendent Plackemeier recognized the Harbor Springs High School Robotics team upon completing their season at the state competition. Four students (Olin Alonzi, Onika Alonzi, Chris Coleman and Sam Harrell) spoke in front of the board about the increased participation in robotics, their improvements as a team and how well they've done.

B. History Competition

Superintendent Plackemeier recognized four high school students who represented Harbor Springs at the National History Day State Competition at CMU last month. They were:

- Jackson Breckenfeld – The American Automobile
- Trevor Clarke – Panama Canal
- David Keiser – Supersonic Flight
- Averie Metiva – Evolution of the Jeep

C. Boys Basketball

Superintendent Plackemeier recognized Braeden Flynn for being named to the Detroit Free Press All-State team for boys basketball.

V. Board President's Report

President Fairbairn commented on the groundbreaking ceremony and teacher appreciation - expressing his gratefulness for the staff that we have.

VI. Superintendent's Report

- Teacher appreciation week is this week-have had great community and parent support to recognize teachers and staff
- Concerts and performances (Middle School play, Elementary music performance and Spring band performance with Swing into Spring coming up
- Spring sports covered under Mrs. Inglehart's report
- Construction update (Groundbreaking, Phase 1 projects: new elementary and Blackbird HVAC, Phase 2 projects: Ottawa stadium and high school parking lot projects)

VII. Administrative Reports

Elementary Principal Fairbanks reported:

- Elementary testing
- Field trips
- Bowerman's biking-Tip of the Mitt counsel and their help with kids and learning how to ride bike
- Groundbreaking-thanks for including the students
- Field day-triathlon

Superintendent Plackemeier gave HS report from Interim Principal Inglehart:

- Spring sports are well underway and the athletic department will be hosting several District tournaments this year - soccer, baseball, and softball.
- The English Department worked on resume writing and invited numerous community members in to hold mock interviews with our 10th and 11th grade students.
- Twelve students were recognized at the Char-Em CTE banquet last week for their exemplary work in our six CTE programs.
- Two students have also successfully completed and passed the FAA certification test in Mr. LaPoint's unmanned aerial vehicle class.
- The Northmen Den Youth Services organization will be opening a youth food pantry in the high school. The pantry will be open to students on Tuesdays and Fridays throughout the school year. It is the same program as the Harbor Hut which has operated in the middle school for several years. One slight change is the high school Harbor Hut will also be open during the summer months and middle school students will also be invited to utilize the food pantry during this time.
- The Class of 2023 has five valedictorians and one salutatorian who will be honored and celebrated at both the Senior Honors Night (May 30) and Graduation (June 4).
- The members of the Class of 2023 have committed to colleges and postsecondary programs across the state, country and even internationally. We have one student attending a university in Ireland next year.

- This year’s Commencement Speaker will be Mrs. Patti Chang, a graduate of HSHS and the Director of Outreach for the National Federation of the Blind.
- We are in the midst of the spring to the end of the school year at HSHS - it’s a fun and exciting time for both students and staff!

Superintendent Plackemeier gave MS report from Principal Keiser:

- Friday, May 12 is our final PBIS event of the school year. We have noticed a decline in behavior issues this year, and we are excited to plan more PBIS events for next school year.
- Our high school SAFE members will be presenting to our seventh grade students on Tuesday, May 16. They will focus on the importance of remaining substance free. SAFE Project Director Susan Pulaski will be onsite to assist the students through a workshop using the fatal vision goggles and other real-life simulations demonstrating the effect substances take on the body.
- On Wednesday, May 17, Megan McShannock and Thom Blanck will take 8th grade students to NCMC for a tour of their campus and presentations about what the college has to offer for dual enrollment and post high school education.
- The 5th grade Lansing trip is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24. Kim Hayhurst and Ethan McCarthy will be chaperoning. They will visit Abraham’s Planetarium, Body Cafeteria on MSU’s campus, Impression 5 Science Center, and get a tour of the State Capital Building.
- On May 30, numerous parent and community volunteers will assist with our 8th Grade Life Unplugged event. Students will learn about real life “adulting” responsibilities including paying insurance and utilities, balancing a checkbook, choosing a career, and raising a family. It’s essentially a Game of Life simulation.
- The 8th Grade Chicago trip is scheduled for May 31 through June 2. We will catch a Cubs game, visit The Museum of Science and Industry and Shedd Aquarium, take an architecture cruise, see the Blue Man Group perform, and explore the city.
- The staff has lots of fun activities planned for the last day of school. The 8th graders will “graduate” and walk to the high school for their celebration parade. The other middle school grade levels will participate in a field day, swim at the pool, and go bowling and play laser tag. If any board members want to help chaperone, please let me know. It’s a great day to spend with kids!

VIII. Information & Proposals

A. Recognition of Apple Distinguished Educator

Superintendent Plackemeier announced that Jason Byma was recognized by Apple K-12 as an Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Class of 2023 and read the following from Apple:

“The Apple Distinguished Educator Team is pleased to welcome Jason Byma to the Apple Distinguished Educator (ADE) Class of 2023. In 1995, Apple created the ADE Program to recognize K-12 and higher education pioneers who are using Apple technology to transform teaching and learning in powerful ways. Celebrating 28 years, the program has grown into a worldwide community of visionary and innovative leaders in education, helping other educators rethink what’s possible with iPad and Mac.”

Mr. Byma spoke about his CTE program and students with great pride. Vice President Morse congratulated Mr. Byma on the award.

IX. General Announcements

Vandermus commented on the recent daddy-daughter dance being “super fun”.

Backus commented on the sports but really likes all the extras that are available as well.

Morse echoed what Backus said—in addition complimented the recent little league opening day and our softball coach participating at the event.

X. Public Input - none

XI. Consent Agenda Items

A. Approval of Invoices

1. General Fund - \$884,035.83
2. Community Schools Fund - \$24,842.10
3. Food Service Fund - \$14,767.52
4. Building & Site Fund - \$9,470.00
5. Fiber Build Project Fund - \$0.00
6. 2022 Bond Project Fund - \$52,307.57

B. Approval of Minutes

1. Regular Meeting - April 10, 2023
2. Executive Session Minutes - April 10, 2023

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Vandermus, to approve the consent agenda as follows: General Fund-\$884,035.83; Community Schools Fund-\$24,842.10; Food Service Fund-\$14,767.52; Building & Site Fund-\$9,470.00; 2022 Bond Project Fund-\$52,307.57; minutes from the regular meeting-April 10, 2023 and executive session-April 10, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

XII. Recommended for Action - New Business

A. Approval of New Hire - 4th Grade Teacher

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus, to approve the hiring of Jessica Mills as a fourth grade teacher at BA, Step 5 of the salary schedule for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

B. Approval of New Hire - Academic Intervention

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Novak, to approve the hiring of Alicia Raredon as academic intervention teacher at BA, Step 5 of the salary schedule for the 2023-24 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

C. Approval of Schedule B - Coaching Name Revisions

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Backus, to approve the following name changes of coaching titles:

- *Change the name from “JV Head Football” to “Assistant Football” with the compensation remaining at 8%*
- *Change the name from “JV Assistant Football” to “Assistant Football” with the compensation remaining at 7%*
- *Change the name from “JV Head Softball to “Assistant Softball” with the compensation remaining at 4%*
- *Change the name from “9th Head Volleyball” to Assistant Volleyball” with the compensation remaining at 4%*

Motion carried unanimously.

D. Approval of Athletic Cooperative - Girls Golf

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Vandermus, to approve a two-year Girls Golf cooperative agreement with St. Michael Academy in Petoskey. Motion carried uanimously.

E. Approval of Staff Resignation

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Backus, to approve the resignation of Leigh Inglehart, High School Social Studies Teacher, at the end of the 2022-23 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

F. Review and Acknowledge 2023-24 Char-Em ISD Budget

A motion was made by Morse, seconded by Vandermus, that the Harbor Springs Board of Education has reviewed and acknowledges the 2023-24 Char-Em ISD budget. Motion carried unanimously.

G. Approval of L-4029 Millage Rates for 2023-24

A motion was made by Backus, seconded by Novak, to approve the L-4029 Millage Rates for 2023-24 as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

XIII. Public Input – none

XIV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Novak, seconded by Morse, to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:35pm. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Novak
Secretary